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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON AMBASSADOR FUJISAKI

REF: TOKYO 0996

1. EMBASSY HAS HAD CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR FUJISAKI. DCM, WHO HAS BEEN ASSOCIATING WITH HIM FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, WOULD DESCRIBE HIM AS INSCRUTABLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS ORIENTAL INSCRUTABILITY IS MITIGATED BY AMBASSADOR FUJISAKI'S GOOD MANNERS AND GENIALITY. HE KNOWS THE UNITED STATES FROM AN EARLIER TOUR AS CONSUL GENERAL IN SEATTLE AND IS VERY AT EASE WITH AMERICANS. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH US, PARTICULARLY ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, FUJISAKI HAS TENDED TO SPEAK IN GENERALITIES. HE HAS MAINTAINED A RELATIVELY LOW PROFILE IN BANGKOK PROBABLY BOTH AS A RESULT OF HIS PERSONAL INCLINATIONS AND THE POLICY OF HIS GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE ANTI-JAPANESE DISTURBANCES IN BANGKOK OF 1974. FUJISAKI IS INTELLIGENT AND PROFESSIONAL. LIKE OTHER JAPANESE DIPLOMATS, HE IS RELUCTANT TO TAKE THE LEAD IN EITHER SOCIAL OR BUSINESS DEALINGS. FUJISAKI IS A STEADY AND ENTHUSIASTIC 14-HADICAP GOLFER AND HIS WIFE IS EQUALLY AVID. THEIR DAUGHTER, YURI, IS MARRIED TO MASAJI TAKAHASHI, A JAPANESE DIPLOMAT NOW ASSIGNED TO MFA IN TOKYO.

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